

“The Scorched Pamphlet: Sherlock Holmes Returns to Delaware” at Dover’s Old State House on Aug. 17, 2019

(DOVER, Del.—Aug. 7, 2019)—On Saturday, Aug. 17, 2019 at 11 a.m. and 2 p.m., [The Old State House](#), located at 25 The Green in Dover, Del., will present “The Scorched Pamphlet: Sherlock Holmes Returns to Delaware,” a theatrical performance in which the celebrated British detective, on his second trip to the First State, is called upon to solve a grisly case at Delaware College. Holmes and Watson are now in a race against time, a reluctant administration and impossible odds to solve one of Delaware’s unsolved mysteries. Admission to the play is free but visitors are encouraged to arrive early to ensure seating. For additional information, call 302-744-5054.



Historical interpreters

Gavin Malone (left), as Dr. Watson, and Chris Hall, as Sherlock Holmes, will appear in the play "The Scorched Pamphlet: Sherlock Holmes Returns to Delaware" at The Old State House on Aug. 17, 2019.

"The Scorched Pamphlet: Sherlock Holmes Returns to Delaware" was created by historic-site interpreters from The Old State House in celebration of the [Dover Comic Con](#) comic-book festival that will be held at a variety of Dover locations on Aug. 17, 2019. The play is based on an actual New Castle, Del. court case and features Sherlock Holmes, the fictional private detective who appeared in four novels and 56 short stories written by British author Sir Arthur Conan Doyle and published between 1887 and 1927.

Completed in 1791, The Old State House is one of the earliest state-capitol buildings in the United States, serving as the home of Delaware's legislature until 1933 when the General Assembly moved to larger quarters in Legislative Hall. The venerable structure now appears as it would have in the late 1700s during the United States' critical early years as a nation. It features a courtroom, governor's and county offices and chambers for the state's Senate and House of Representatives. The building is situated on Dover's historic Green, a public area designated by William Penn in 1683. The Green is a partner site of the [First State National Historical Park](#).



The Old State House

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